MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 523.
(*b*) 12.
(*c*) and (*d*).

Name.	*Pay.* Rs.	*Rank.*
1. Mr. M. A. Baker, L. M. E. ...	170	3rd Grade Supervisor.
2. Budrudeen Beg ...	33	Steward, Courtallam Residency.
3. Mahomed Abdulla ...	32	Steward, Cape Residency.
4. R. Tharkan ...	25	Clerk in the Rs. 20-1-25 grade, Nagercoil.
5. A. Abid Hussain ...	25 in 20-1-25 grade	Clerk, Guest House.
6. S. Sayed Mahomed ...	22	Clerk, Chief Engineer's Office.
7. Fair Ahmed ...	11 9-1/6-11	Peon, do.
8. Sheik Mohideen ...	11 9-1/6-11	do. do.
9. B. Peermaiah Sahib ...	11 9-1/6-11	Peon Tuckalai Sub-Division.
10. A. Hyder Khan ...	10 9-1/6-11	do. Guest House.
11. Sheik Ismail ...	10 9-1/6-11	do. Alwaye Division Office.
12. Mohideen Sheriff ...	9 9-1/6-11	do. Chief Engineer's Office.

Personal Assistant to the Chief Engineer.

249. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*). Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the qualifications of the Personal Assistant to the Chief Engineer and his rank in the order of seniority in point of pay;

(*b*) the pay he was drawing 6 years ago, *i. e.* in 1099; and

(*c*) whether there is any rule to the effect that the Personal Assistant must be the most senior officer in the Department?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The qualifications of the present Personal Assistant to the Chief Engineer are B. A. and B. E. He is an acting Assistant Engineer and is sixteenth in rank among the permanent and acting Assistant Engineers.

(*b*) He was drawing a pay of Rs. 125 per mensem six years ago.

(*c*) No. He need only be an officer in the Assistant Engineers' grade.

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